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Reply to: RDT1R-19-10213-RB

Mary Jo Watts
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Dear Ms. Watts:

This email is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (**RD-59764**) request for a 1974 Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) order for Maurice Girodias to leave the United States. We received your request in this office on November 27, 2018.

The National Archives Building in Washington, DC, houses historical, non-current records of the INS headquarters in Record Group 85. However, we do not have a name index to these records that we can search for references to Maurice Girodias.

As such, identifying the INS order that you requested (if extant) would require a page-by-page examination of all INS records in our custody. Please note that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) does not obligate Federal agencies to conduct research for a requester. As a matter of policy, the National Archives offers guidance about our holdings and advice on how to research among these records. We do not have the staff resources to perform in-depth research for a requester.

While we do not have a name index to our INS records, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Genealogy Program maintains a name index to files that were created at INS headquarters between approximately 1893 and 1975. We therefore recommend that you contact the USCIS Genealogy staff to request an index search for files related to Maurice Girodias. Please see the USCIS website for more information about requesting an index search: <https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/searching-index>.

If you submit an index search request, the USCIS Genealogy staff will send you a letter with the search results. The letter will identify all file references found in the index and direct you to the repository that houses the files. If the search results indicate that one or more files related to Maurice Girodias are housed at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC, then you can reach back out to us, and we will check to see if the file is extant. You may email us at: archives1reference@nara.gov.

This completes the processing of your request. If you have any questions, you may reach me via email at rose.buchanan@nara.gov. Please reference "RDT1R-19-10213-RB" in your email.

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We do not consider this response a denial under the Freedom of Information Act because we cannot determine if we house records related to Maurice Girodias without more specific information. As noted above, we do not have a name index to our INS records. The USCIS Genealogy Program maintains the name index.

However, if you are not satisfied with our action on this request, your options for appeal and dispute resolution are outlined in the attached enclosure.

This concludes the processing of your request.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures